

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

RICHARD H. DEE, ET AL.

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Examiner: Not Assigned

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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD OF MAKING A REDUCED SENSITIVITY  
SPIN VALVE SENSOR APPARATUS IN WHICH A BASIC MAGNETIC  
SENSITIVITY IS REDUCED

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and § 1.97-1.98, the references listed and identified on the attached Form 1449 are being submitted herewith for consideration by the Examiner. This Statement is being filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3), i.e., before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits.

While this Statement is being filed in compliance with the duty of disclosure, citation of the attached references is not to be construed as an admission that any of the references are "material" as defined under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

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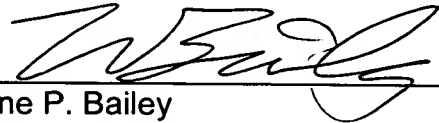
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A copy of each reference listed on the attached Form 1449 is included herewith. Consideration and entry into the record of these references is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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